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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO,  
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS MCENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION  
CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR [REDACTED] 25X1A  
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ITEM NO: 3

DATE: 3 DECEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES ESTIMATES PACT GROUND STRENGTH

REF : OSR MORNING BRIEFING, 3 DEC 74, SECRET

AN EDITORIAL IN THIS MORNING'S EDITION OF THE NEW YORK  
TIMES INCLUDED ESTIMATES OF SOVIET AND WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES  
STRENGTH IN EUROPE. THE ARTICLE INDICATED THAT THE SOVIET UNION  
HAS 460,000 GROUND FORCE TROOPS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THIS FIGURE,  
ALTHOUGH A LITTLE LOW, IS REFAIRLY ACCURATE IF ONLY SOVIET  
TROOPS IN POLAND, EAST GERMANY, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE CONSIDERED.  
THE FIGURE FOR THE NUMBER OF WARSAW PACT TROOPS WAS A WHOLE, CPYRGHT  
HOWEVER, IS MISLEADING. THE NEW YORK TIMES SUGGESTS THAT THE  
TOTAL NUMBER OF WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES IN EUROPE IS 925,000.  
THIS FIGURE IS NEARLY ACCURATE FOR POLISH, EAST GERMAN AND

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CZECHOSLOVAKIAN GROUND FORCES, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE OF THE OTHER PACT COUNTRIES. E-2 IMPDET.H

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